SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: I am sorry, this matter we consider all the time. This is the bread and butter of the Reserve Bank and the Ministry of Finance, this is their work.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: But can I have a copy of that?

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH I am sorry, I. do not hare a study for pub licatior .

SHHI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Mr. Chairman, my congratulations to the Minister for building up very good foreign exchange reseryes! But sometime back I came across a news item which said that, though the foreign exchange reserves a*re steading* at 17 billion dollars, leilther the Reserve Bank nor the Minister of Finance has the necessary expertive to manage these finances. I would ',1 like the hon. Finance Minis-'.-".' to react to this.

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: I think, Sir, there is no truth in that statement that we have no expertise. I think we have handled the whole foreign exchange situation quite well. I think the whole world 'cnows it. So, I think, there is no basis for the fear that. it we do not have the experience or the expertise to handle the inflow 'of foreign exchange. It is cer tainly true that largre inflows of foreign exchange do create problems, but, I think, these are the problems of penalty. There i_s certainly a pressure on the domestic monetary supply. The Reserve Bank has taken certain actions to neutralise the impact on the monetary supply. But, sooner or later, if the foreign exchange situation remains as comfortable an it is. I think, we must have a close look at -our import regime. We will have to further liberalise our 'mport regime and take other associa-ted measures.

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Sir, the FERA is an Act of Parliament. All I want to extract from the hon. Minister is an assurance that before any substantive changes are made in the provisions of the Act, Parliament will be duly consulted.

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: I think Sir, it goes without saying that any legislative changes can be made only with the approval of Parliament .

SHRI ASHOK MITRA; That should he on record.

विज्ञापनों से अर्जित राजस्व

***27. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी :** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अहमदाबाद, राजकोट, भुज, सूरत और बड़ौदा दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों द्वारा विज्ञापनों से प्रति वर्ष कुल कितना राजस्व अर्जित किया गया है ;

(ख) विज्ञापन शुल्क की दरों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या और अधिक संख्या में विज्ञापन दाताओं को आकृष्ट करने के लिए विज्ञापन शुल्क की दरों में कमी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव) : (क) दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, अहमदाबाद जो कि गुजरात में एकमात्र ऐसा केन्द्र है जहां विज्ञापन बुक किए जाते हैं, से संबंधित ब्यौरे निम्न प्रकार से हैं :—

1991–92	3.03 करोड़ रुपए
1992–93	3.69 करोड़ रुपए
1993–94	6.01 करोड़ रुपए

(क) प्रति 10 सेकण्डों के स्पाट के लिए 1000 रुपए से 12,000 रुपए तक भिन्न-भिन्न स्पाट खरीद दरें हैं।

(ग) से (ङ) अहमदाबाद, दूरदर्शन केन्द्र पर लागू वर्तमान दरें मार्च, 1994 में निर्धारित की गई थीं। वर्तमान में किसी और संशोधन का विचार नहीं है।

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Sir, kapping the time in vicw, I would like to ask a supplemental';' in short. The income has risen from Rs. 3.04 crores crores toRs. 6.01 crores, but the rates of advertisement hate also been raised, and they vary from Rs. l,000/- to Rs. 12,000/- per 10 second apot. May I know the type of rated that have been raised and whether the Government is going to set up a panel to study this particular aspect, to increase the advertisement income by reducing the rate of advertisement?

I would also like to now whether the Grwemment is going to modify or correct or improve the quality of headeastomg keeping the Indian culture in view.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO; Sir, about I ile last part, most certainly, yes, we would like to improve the quality as well as keep the cultural aspect in View.

As for as the 5uggestion made by the hon member is concerned, it shall have to be examined from all its aspects. Before I can say anything or make a commitment here I shall have to examine it first. Without that, it will not be proper for me to make a commitment here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second Supplementary.

SHRI SOPALSINH G. S0LANKT: No_ Sir.

Losses suffered by Public/private sector banks

*28. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:t

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the public and private sector banks which have suffered tosses during each of the last three years;

(b) the extent of loss suffered by each bank during the above period year-wise;

(c) whether the World Bank has recently offered funding the tier-II capital of sick public sector banks;

(d) what are the concrete details of the World Bank's offer;

(e) what steps Government have taken Or propose to take to enable the sick public sector banks to avail of this offer; and

(f) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration to merge the sick banks with other public sector banks or to close down such banks which are not economically viable, if so, what are the deta'ls in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY}; (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Losses suffered by public private sector banks

(a) and (b) The details of losses suffereds by banks in the public and

† The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Viren J. Shah.